

WAR NEWS IS VERY SCARCE.

Besieged Cities Know Very Little of the Situation.

Special Correspondence of THE STAR.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 24.—It is difficult to get any kind of information from the seat of war. I have just received a letter from an American friend in Johannesburg who says that the way in which news is sent, the description of the various battlefields and the reports of engagements are very different from what they were in any town of a thousand inhabitants in the United States during the war with Spain.



EAST INDIAN ROUGH RIDER.

There has not been a map of the scenes of hostilities published in any paper obtainable. People have to content themselves with certain antiquated maps that do not give half the places nor any of the railways that have been built during the last five years. The advertising maps do not contain places or mountains, but the maps from Brown's South Africa give the mountains of size, but on too small a scale.

My correspondent goes on to say: "We here, as a rule, cannot get anything but a one-sided view of the skirmishes, engagements and battles. To form a correct view of any battle one should look at it from an impartial standpoint, reviewing the statements of both sides. Rarely if ever do we know what the English losses are, and we only know so much of the Boer loss as it is thought fit to let us know. For instance, I have not seen it published what the Boer loss was on Oct. 15 at Mafeking, which a Natal paper gives as 53 killed and 400 wounded. This may not be correct, but when a number like 53 is mentioned it would appear as if they knew something about it. The Boer way of fighting is like that followed by the Sioux in the Black Hills and must cost less of Boers' life than English. I presume you obtain more news than I do. There is no competition in the matter of news, and often we are fed on such rumors at which the burghers themselves are angry, and I judge justly so from what I hear from friends of mine returned from the front. I have more than 100 friends in the field, half on one side and half on the other. Provisions and meat are plentiful and cheap."

One thing which has kept everybody anxious is the question as to whether or not the native races would be induced to participate in the war. This would be an extremity more barbarous than the worst kind of projectiles prohibited by The Hague agreement, and it is not thought that either British or Boers will incite any African savage race to depredations which the sight of blood might put beyond check or control. There is much talk, however, about British importation of semibarbarous warriors from India. They are nominally British subjects, and to bring them into service would not be so severe a shock to the civilized world as would be felt should the South African savages take to the warpath. Some of the East Indians are expert cavalymen and might do efficient service as rough riders on the prairies of the Transvaal.

The condition of affairs in the besieged towns may be judged from another extract from a letter written by my correspondent in Johannesburg: "If I was not in business still, and I could get an appointment as such, I should like to go to the front and send back sketches of the country where the battles are fought."

"Recently I made arrangements with three Americans to occupy my house. I had got them in all right, but they moved out the next day because in that ward they make the commandeered special police do 6 hours' shift in 24 hours. The day before they had been requiring an 8 hours' shift in 24. The reason they would not stay was because in other wards they had been doing only 4 hours' shift in 24 and even 28 hours. There is no pay attached to this compulsory service, and if one

the misfortune to call on the government for food all he receives is uncooked Indian meal and salt, which he must somehow cook for himself."

The weak spot in the Boer situation is that they are already in the field in full force. England's weakness is that necessary re-enforcements must come from the United Kingdom or her colonies.

CECIL HOYT.

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WINDS PUT TO WORK.

How the Farmers of the Prairies Find a Way to Get Cheap Labor.

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ABILENE, Kan., Jan. 22.—With the general failure of the large irrigation experiments and speculations on the plains there has come about an interest in a novel and practical method of individual irrigation that is transforming many a claim and farm into a productive property. All over the valleys of the Dakotas, Nebraska and Kansas are scattered windmills that are utilizing the force of the sweeping gales of the prairie in a marvelous manner. It is notable that the mills are for the most part homemade and are built by the thrifty and progressive farmers, ranchmen and market gardeners. Their average cost is but \$4 or \$5, but they pump day and night, raising water enough for the pressing needs of the farm, and have been so successful that thousands of new mills are now being put in operation for the coming season. They are found in the valleys because the water is there nearer to the surface and in most cases face the south. Mills costing besides the labor of the farmer not more than \$1.75 are doing the work of a horse in pumping water for the garden or cattle the year round.

Odd names are given to the homemade mills, the favorite form being the Jumbo. It is an overshot wheel with the top half sticking out of the upper portion of a shed or tower, the lower part being shielded from the wind by the sides. It is a rough piece of work in most of its forms, yet there is one that cost only \$3.70 which lifted 300 barrels in 40 minutes to a height of 40 feet.

The merry go round mill is one of the novel forms. It is 14 feet in diameter and stands horizontally. It has sweeps at the outer rim and swings with a high velocity when the hot winds blow. The battleax mill is another easily built form, standing on a tower, with blades three feet square and doing a great deal of work. This is the prevailing form in most parts of Nebraska. The old fashioned Dutch mill, with huge fans that sweep the ground, is seen here and there mostly in communities where the foreign element is large in the population. The



PRAIRIE WINDMILL.

turbine wheel is what its name implies and requires some ingenuity to construct its various forms. It is not uncommon to see an old wagon wheel transformed into this sort of a mill, and it does good work.

Besides all of these simple mills, some of the wealthier farmers have iron ones, with 12 foot fans, that grind and pump like machines and are the hardest working parts of the farm equipment.

The one great drawback to farming in the western part of the plains region has been the lack of water. It is, in fact, a semiarid region, and thousands have moved out because they could not raise enough to feed their families. With the windmill as a help they are able to insure themselves of a good garden, their stock of sufficient "roughness," which is millet, Kafir corn and other haylike feeds, keeping them through the winter. Then when a crop of grain comes—and it is sure to come if the farmer can only wait—they are ready to take advantage of it. It is making the stock business prosperous in western Kansas and Nebraska and is giving the settlers in the lower parts of Oklahoma a better chance to succeed. The winds are be-

ing put to work all over the prairies and will give back in their labor some of the moisture that they have taken from the soil by their fierce breath, which is the terror of the farmer. Even if the "hot wind" does take the corn the farmer with a few windmills working knows that he will have wheat and fodder, and he will stay instead of moving back east.

C. M. HARGER.

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A Russian Story.

In the life of Archbishop Benson the author, speaking of a conceited and arrogant young Russian clergyman, said: "The fact is these young gentlemen think that the office magnifies the man. Now, Count S. told me that he saw in a police court in Russia a priest brought in in undress of purple, and the court, magistrates and all knelt, and a police sergeant kissed his hand. Then, rising, the magistrate said: 'You nasty, drunken beast—so you were drunk again yesterday! I'll make you remember it this time.' The priest was led out to an adjoining yard, his clothes were torn off and 50 lashes given him. When he was brought back, half fainting, all knelt and received his blessing."

Oyster Law Declared Void.

Judge John W. Malone, of the second judicial circuit of Florida, in the case of Edward Richardson, brought before him at Apalachicola, on habeas corpus in the latter part of November, has rendered a decision declaring the local oyster law of Franklin county, passed at the last session of the legislature, unconstitutional and void. Richardson was arrested by the sheriff on two warrants issued by the county judge, charging him with violating several provisions of the oyster law. The Ruge Bros., of Apalachicola, large packers of oysters, believing that this law, although local in character, would interfere with the business interests of all oystermen, and no protection whatever to the oyster beds, came to the assistance of said Edward Richardson as well as in behalf of the oyster men in general. The state was represented by Hon. Geo. P. Rainey, of Tallahassee, and the prisoner by Hon. H. C. Hicks, of Apalachicola, and W. A. Blount, of Pensacola. On the 11th of this month the court rendered the decision declaring the law unconstitutional and void.

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